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- 1. Hanford workers preparing to retrieve and repackage TRU waste drums**
- 2. Drums of transuranic waste in a retrievable storage trench**
- 3. A partial aerial view of Hanford's Low Level Burial Grounds**
- 4. Waste Receiving and Processing Facility inspection and repackaging glove boxes**
- 5. Hanford's Mixed Low-Level Waste disposal facility**
- 6. Placing TRU waste into a TRUPACT shipping container for shipment to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant**

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**ABSTRACT:**

The revised draft of the Hanford Site Solid (Radioactive and Hazardous) Waste Program Environmental Impact Statement (HSW EIS) provides environmental and technical information concerning U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) proposed waste management practices at the Hanford Site. DOE issued the Notice of Intent to prepare the EIS on October 27, 1997, and held public meetings during the scoping period that extended through January 30, 1998. The HSW EIS updates analyses of environmental consequences from previous documents and provides evaluations for activities that may be implemented consistent with the Waste Management Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (WM PEIS) Records of Decision (RODs). Waste types considered in the HSW EIS include operational low-level radioactive waste (LLW), mixed low-level waste (MLLW), immobilized low-activity waste (ILAW), and transuranic (TRU) waste. MLLW contains chemically hazardous components in addition to radionuclides. In April 2002, DOE issued the first draft of the HSW EIS. During the public comment period that started in May 2002, DOE received a large number of comments from regulators, area tribes, stakeholders, and the public. The revised draft of the HSW EIS was prepared to address these public comments and add the ILAW scope. Alternatives for management of these wastes at the Hanford Site, including the alternative of No Action, are analyzed in detail. The LLW, MLLW, and TRU waste alternatives are evaluated for a range of waste volumes, representing quantities of waste that could be managed at the Hanford Site. A single maximum forecast volume is evaluated for ILAW waste. The No Action Alternative considers continuation of ongoing waste management practices at the Hanford Site and ceasing some operations when the limits of existing capabilities are reached. The No Action Alternative provides for continued storage of some waste types. The other alternatives evaluate waste management practices including treatment and disposal of most wastes. The potential environmental consequences of the alternatives are generally similar. The major differences occur with respect to the consequences of disposal versus continued storage and with respect to the range of waste volumes managed under the alternatives. The revised draft HSW EIS is being issued for public review and comment, after which DOE will prepare the final EIS. Dates, times, and locations for public meetings will be announced in the *Federal Register* and local media. The RODs will be published in the *Federal Register* no sooner than 30 days after publication of the Environmental Protection Agency Notice of Availability of the final EIS. DOE's preferred alternative is to dispose of LLW, MLLW, and ILAW in a single, lined facility on Hanford's Central Plateau; treat MLLW using a combination of onsite and offsite facilities; and certify TRU waste using a combination of existing and upgraded facilities onsite.

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## Acronyms/Abbreviations

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4	AADT	annual average daily traffic
5	ADT	annual average daily traffic
6	AEA	Atomic Energy Act
7	AEC	U.S. Atomic Energy Commission
8	ALARA	as low as reasonably achievable
9	ALE	Fitzner/Eberhardt Arid Lands Ecology (Reserve)
10	ANSI	American National Standards Institute
11	APL	Accelerated Process Line
12	ARAR	applicable or relevant and appropriate requirement
13	ATG	Allied Technology Group, Inc.
14		
15	BCAA	Benton Clean Air Authority
16	BCF	bioconcentration factor
17	BDAT	best demonstrated available technology
18	BHI	Bechtel Hanford, Inc.
19	BLS	Bureau of Labor Statistics
20	BNSF	Burlington Northern Santa Fe (railroad)
21	BPA	(U.S. Department of Energy) Bonneville Power Administration
22	BRMiS	Hanford Site Biological Resources Mitigation Strategy
23	BRMaP	Hanford Site Biological Resources Management Plan
24	BWIP	Basalt Waste Isolation Project
25		
26	C3T	cleanup, constraint, and challenges team
27	CAA	Clean Air Act
28	CAIRS	Computerized Accident/Incident Reporting System
29	Cat 1	Category 1 (low-level waste)
30	Cat 3	Category 3 (low-level waste)
31	CBC	Columbia Basin College
32	CCP	Comprehensive Conservation Plan
33	CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
34	CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
35	CFEST	Coupled Fluid, Energy, and Solute Transport (computer code)
36	CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
37	CH	contact-handled
38	Ci	curie(s)
39	CNSS	Council of the National Seismic System
40	CO	carbon monoxide
41	CRCIA	Columbia River Comprehensive Impact Assessment
42	CSB	Canister Storage Building
43	CWC	Central Waste Complex
44		

1	D&D	decontamination and decommissioning
2	dB	decibel(s)
3	dBA	A-weighted decibel(s)
4	DCG	derived concentration guide
5	DEIS	Draft Environmental Impact Statement
6	D <sub>l</sub>	longitudinal dispersivity
7	DOE	U.S. Department of Energy
8	DOE-ORP	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of River Protection
9	DOE-RL	U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office
10	DOL	U.S. Department of Labor
11	DOT	U.S. Department of Transportation
12	D <sub>t</sub>	transverse dispersivity
13	DWS	drinking water standard
14		
15	EA	environmental assessment
16	ECAMP	Ecological Compliance Assessment Management Plan
17	ECEM	Ecological Contaminant Exposure Model (computer code)
18	Ecology	Washington State Department of Ecology
19	EDE	effective dose equivalent
20	EDNA	environmental designation for noise abatement
21	EHQ	environmental hazard quotient
22	EIS	environmental impact statement
23	EM	U.S. Department of Energy Office of Environmental Management
24	EMI	environmental management integration
25	EMSL	Environmental and Molecular Sciences Laboratory
26	ENCO	enterprise companies
27	EOC	Emergency Operations Center
28	EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
29	E/Q	dispersion factor(s)
30	ERDA	U.S. Energy Research and Development Administration
31	ER	environmental restoration
32	ERDF	Environmental Restoration Disposal Facility
33	ERPG	Emergency Response Planning Guideline
34	ERTC	Effluent Retention and Treatment Complex
35	ESA	Endangered Species Act
36	ESU	Evolutionarily Significant Unit
37	ET	evapotranspiration
38	ETF	200 Area Effluent Treatment Facility
39		
40	FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
41	FFS	focused feasibility study
42	FFTF	Fast Flux Test Facility
43	FH	Fluor Hanford, Inc.
44	FONSI	finding of no significant impact

1	FR	<i>Federal Register</i>
2	FRAMES	Framework for Risk Analysis in Multimedia Environmental Systems
3		(computer code)
4	FTE	full-time equivalent (or full-time employee)
5	FWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
6	FY	fiscal year
7		
8	GIS	geographic information system
9	GOCO	government-owned contractor-operated
10	GPS	global positioning system
11	GTC3	greater than Category 3 (low-level waste)
12	GTCC	greater than Class C
13		
14	HAMMER	Hazardous Materials Management and Emergency Response Facility
15		(Volpentest Training and Education Center)
16	HCP EIS	Hanford Comprehensive Land-Use Plan Environmental Impact Statement
17	HCRC	Hanford Cultural Resources Case
18	HCRL	Hanford Cultural Resources Laboratory
19	HDW EIS	Disposal of Hanford Defense High-Level, Transuranic, and Tank Wastes
20		Environmental Impact Statement
21	HEHF	Hanford Environmental Health Foundation
22	HEPA	high-efficiency particulate air
23	HIC	high-integrity container
24	HLW	high-level (radioactive) waste
25	HMS	Hanford Meteorology Station
26	HPMP	Hanford Performance Management Plan
27	HPPE	high-density polyethylene
28	HSRAM	Hanford Site Risk Assessment Methodology
29	HSSWAC	Hanford Site solid waste acceptance criteria
30	HSW	Hanford solid waste
31	HSW EIS	Hanford Site Solid (Radioactive and Hazardous) Waste Program
32		Environmental Impact Statement
33	HTWOS	Hanford Tank Waste Operating System
34	HW	hazardous waste
35	HWMA	Washington State Hazardous Waste Management Act
36	HWMP	Hanford Waste Management Program
37	HWVP	Hanford Waste Vitrification Project
38	Hz	hertz
39		
40	I&I	irreversible and irretrievable
41	ICRP	International Commission on Radiological Protection
42	IDLH	Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health
43	ILAW	immobilized low-activity waste
44	IPABS	Integrated Planning, Accountability and Budgeting System

1	ISCST3	Industrial Source Complex Short-Term Model, version 3 (computer code)
2	ISO	International Standards Organization
3	ISS	interim safe storage
4		
5	K <sub>d</sub>	distribution coefficient for partitioning of contaminants in soil
6		
7	LCF	latent cancer fatality
8	LC50	chemical concentration reported to be lethal to 50 percent of the exposed
9		organisms after some period of exposure, usually a few hours to a few days
10	LD50	dose reported to be lethal to 50 percent of the exposed organisms after some
11		period of exposure, usually a few hours to a few days
12	LDR	Land Disposal Restriction
13	LEPC	Local Emergency Planning Committee
14	LERF	Liquid Effluent Retention Facility
15	LIGO	Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory
16	LLBG	Low Level Burial Ground
17	LLW	low-level (radioactive) waste
18	LLWMA	low-level waste management area
19	LMF	lined modular facility
20	LOA	line of analysis
21	LOEC	lowest observed effects concentration
22	LOEL	lowest observed effects level
23	LOS	level of service
24	LWC	lost workday case
25	LWD	lost workday
26		
27	M&O	management and operations
28	MASS2	Modular Aquatic Simulation System 2 (computer code)
29	MBTA	Migratory Bird Treaty Act
30	MCL	maximum contaminant level
31	MEI	maximally exposed individual
32	MEK	methyl ethyl ketone
33	MEPAS	Multimedia Environmental Pollutant Assessment System
34	MLLW	mixed low-level waste
35	MMEDE	Multimedia-Modeling Environmental Database Editor (computer code)
36	MMI	Modified Mercalli Intensity
37	MT	metric ton(s) (tonnes)
38	MTCA	Model Toxics Control Act
39	MTG	minimum technology guidance
40	MTU	metric tons of uranium
41		
42	NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
43	National Register	National Register of Historic Places
44	NDA	non-destructive assay

1	NDE	non-destructive examination
2	ND	not detected
3	NE	no emissions
4	NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
5	NESHAPs	National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants
6	NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
7	NM	not measured
8	NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
9	NO <sub>2</sub>	nitrogen dioxide
10	NOA	Notice of Availability
11	NOAEL	no observed adverse effects level
12	NOC	Notice of Construction
13	NOE	Notice of Extension
14	NOI	Notice of Intent
15	NO <sub>x</sub>	nitrogen oxides
16	NPS	National Park Service
17	NRC	U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
18	NS	no standard
19	NTS	Nevada Test Site
20	NWPF	new waste processing facility
21	NWS	National Weather Service
22		
23	OAR	Oregon Administrative Rule
24	OCF	offsite commercial facility
25	OFM	Office of Financial Management
26	ORP	(U.S. Department of Energy) Office of River Protection
27	ORR	(U.S. Department of Energy) Oak Ridge Reservation
28	OSHA	U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration
29		
30	PA	performance assessment
31	PCB	polychlorinated biphenyl
32	pCi	picocurie(s)
33	PEIS	Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement
34	PEL	permissible exposure level
35	PFP	Plutonium Finishing Plant
36	PHMC	Project Hanford Management Contract
37	PM	particulate matter
38	PM <sub>10</sub>	particulate matter with aerodynamic diameters 10 µm or smaller
39	PNNL	Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
40	ppm	parts per million
41	PSD	prevention of significant deterioration
42	Pu	plutonium
43	PUREX	Plutonium-Uranium Extraction Facility
44		

1	R	roentgen
2	R&D	research and development
3	RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
4	RCT	radiological control technician
5	RCW	Revised Code of Washington
6	REIS	Regional Economic Information System
7	R <sub>f</sub>	contaminant retardation factors
8	RfD	reference dose
9	RH	remote-handled
10	RIMS	Regional Input-Output Modeling System (computer code)
11	RL	(U.S. Department of Energy) Richland Operations Office
12	ROD	Record of Decision
13	RPP	River Protection Project
14		
15	SA	safety analysis
16	SAC	System Assessment Capability (computer code)
17	SALDS	State-Approved Land Disposal Structure
18	SC	species of concern
19	SCAPA	Subcommittee on Consequence Assessment and Protective Actions
20	SEIS	Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement
21	SEPA	State (of Washington) Environmental Policy Act
22	SERC	State Emergency Response Commission
23	SI	international system of units (metric system)
24	SIP	state implementation plan
25	SLD	shallow land disposal
26	SNF	spent nuclear fuel
27	SO <sub>2</sub>	sulfur dioxide
28	SO <sub>x</sub>	sulfur oxides
29	SR	State Route
30	SRS	(U.S. Department of Energy) Savannah River Site
31	SST	single-shell tank
32	STOMP	Subsurface Transport Over Multiple Phases (computer code)
33	STP	site treatment plan
34	SWB	standard waste box
35	SWIFT	Solid Waste Integrated Forecast Technical (report)
36	SWITS	Solid Waste Information and Tracking System
37	SWOC	Solid Waste Operations Complex
38		
39	T&E	threatened and endangered
40	TCP	traditional cultural property
41	TD	temperature difference
42	TEDE	total effective dose equivalent
43	TEDF	200 Area Treated Effluent Disposal Facility
44	TEEL	Temporary Emergency Exposure Limit

1	TI	Transportation Index
2	TLV	threshold limit value
3	TNC	The Nature Conservancy (of Washington)
4	TPA	Tri-Party Agreement (Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order)
5	TRC	total recordable case
6	TRIGA	Test Reactor and Isotope Production General Atomics
7	TRU	transuranic waste
8	TRUPACT-II	Transuranic Package Transporter-II
9	TRUSAF	Transuranic Storage and Assay Facility
10	TSCA	Toxic Substances Control Act
11	TSD	treatment, storage, and/or disposal
12	TSP	total suspended particulate
13	TWRS	Tank Waste Remediation System
14		
15	UPR	unplanned release
16	UO <sub>3</sub>	uranium trioxide
17	USC	United States Code
18	USGS	U.S. Geological Survey
19	UW	University of Washington
20	UWGP	University of Washington Geophysics Program
21		
22	VADER	VADose zone Environmental Release (computer code)
23	VOC	volatile organic compound
24		
25	WAC	Washington Administrative Code
26	WDFW	Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife
27	WDOH	Washington State Department of Health
28	WESF	Waste Encapsulation and Storage Facility
29	WHC	Westinghouse Hanford Company
30	WIF	well intercept factor
31	WIPP	Waste Isolation Pilot Plant
32	WM	waste management
33	WM PEIS	Waste Management Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement
34	WNHP	Washington Natural Heritage Program
35	WRAP	Waste Receiving and Processing Facility
36	WSU-TC	Washington State University – Tri-Cities Branch Campus
37	WTP	waste treatment plant

## Glossary of Terms

**anadromous** – Migrating up rivers from the sea to breed in fresh water.

**aromatic** – Of, related to, or containing the six-carbon ring typical of the benzene series and related organic groups.

**bioconcentration factor (BCF)** – The ratio of the tissue concentration of an aquatic organism to the water concentration where uptake is limited to water alone, usually derived in an experimental setting.

**borrow pit** – The excavation site used to obtain geological resources (such as sand, gravel, basalt rocks, or fine sediments).

**caisson** – As used in the HSW EIS, these structures are reinforced cylindrical steel and concrete underground vaults 2.4 m (8 ft) in diameter and 3-m (10-ft) high designed to store remote-handled waste in the low level burial grounds

**candidate species** – Plants and animals with a status of concern, but about which more information is needed before they can be proposed for listing as threatened species or endangered species. A state candidate species is one that is being reviewed for possible listing as a state endangered, threatened, or sensitive species as specified by the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife. See also endangered species, threatened species, and species of concern.

**cap** – A cap used to cover a radioactive burial ground with soil, rock, vegetation, or other materials as part of the facility closure process. The cap is designed to reduce migration of radioactive and hazardous materials in the waste by infiltration of water or by intrusion of humans, plants, or animals from the surface. In this EIS, the Modified RCRA Subtitle C Barrier was selected to use as a cap for LLW and MLLW disposal grounds. (Also called “cover cap” and “barrier” in this EIS.)

**capping** – As applied to radioactive and mixed-waste disposal facilities, the process of covering a burial ground with soil, rock, vegetation, or other materials as part of the facility closure process. The cap is designed to reduce migration of radioactive and hazardous materials in the waste by infiltration of water or by intrusion of humans, plants, or animals from the surface.

**carcinogen** – Any substance that can cause cancer.

**cask** – A heavily shielded container used to store or ship radioactive materials.

**Category 1 low-level waste** – Low-level radioactive waste containing radionuclide concentrations within the maximum limits defined for this waste type in the HSSWAC. These limits are site-specific, and they define the lowest activity category of low-level radioactive waste. Category 1 wastes typically do not require special packaging or treatment for disposal by shallow land burial.

1 **Category 3 low-level waste** – Low-level radioactive waste containing radionuclide concentrations greater  
2 than those defined for Category 1 waste, but within the maximum limits defined for Category 3 waste in  
3 the HSSWAC. These limits are site-specific, and are established using the performance assessment for a  
4 particular disposal facility. Category 3 wastes typically require special packaging or treatment for  
5 disposal by shallow land burial.

6  
7 **characterization** – See waste characterization.

8  
9 **chemical oxidation** – Oxidation of a material by adding chemicals such as peroxide, ozone, persulfates,  
10 or other oxidizing material. Commonly used for oxidation of organic constituents.

11  
12 **chemical reduction** – Reduction of a material by adding chemicals such as sulfites, polyethylene glycol,  
13 hydrosulfide, or ferrous salts. Commonly used for the reduction of hexavalent chromium to the trivalent  
14 state. In all these cases, the reduced forms of the contaminant are much less mobile in the environment  
15 because of their low solubility and high adsorption to soils. Microbiological reduction of these waste  
16 constituents also has been found to occur naturally in sediment and aquifer environments and with  
17 addition of chemical food sources to enhance the microbe growth rates reductive biological remediation is  
18 becoming more economical.

19  
20 **cleanup** – The term cleanup refers the full range of projects and activities being undertaken to address  
21 environmental and legacy waste issues associated with the Hanford Site.

22  
23 **closure** – As applied to radioactive and hazardous waste disposal facilities, the process of site  
24 stabilization and placement of caps or other barriers to provide long-term confinement of the waste.  
25 Requirements for closure are defined by laws, regulations, or orders for various types of waste  
26 management facilities.

27  
28 **contact-handled (CH) waste** – Generally, packaged waste whose external surface dose rate does not  
29 exceed 200 mrem/hr and does not create a high radiation area (>100 mrem/hr at 30 cm). See also remote-  
30 handled waste.

31  
32 **crib** – An underground structure designed to receive liquid waste that can percolate into the soil directly  
33 and/or after traveling through a connected tile field.

34  
35 **criteria pollutants** – Six pollutants (carbon monoxide, suspended particulates of specified sizes, sulfur  
36 dioxide, lead, nitrogen oxide, and ozone) known to be hazardous to human health or structures and for  
37 which the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets National Ambient Air Quality Standards  
38 under the Clean Air Act (40 CFR 50<sup>(a)</sup>).

39  
40 **cullet** – Granular glass particles similar to coarse sand.  
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(a) 40 CFR 50. “National Primary and Secondary Ambient Air Quality Standards.” U.S. Code of Federal Regulations. Online at: [http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx\\_01/40cfr50\\_01.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_01/40cfr50_01.html).

1 **cumulative impacts (effects)** – Impact on the environment that results from the incremental impact of the  
2 action when added to other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions regardless of what  
3 agency (federal or non-federal) or person undertakes such other actions. Cumulative impacts can result  
4 from individually minor but collectively significant actions taking place over a period of time.  
5

6 **dangerous waste** – Solid waste designated in WAC 173-303-070<sup>(a)</sup> through WAC 173-303-100 as  
7 dangerous or extremely hazardous waste, or mixed waste.  
8

9 **deactivation** – As applied to waste treatment, the removal of the hazardous characteristics of a waste due  
10 to its ignitability, corrosivity, and or reactivity.  
11

12 **decibel** – A standard unit of sound pressure. The decibel is a value equal to 10 times the logarithm of the  
13 ratio of a sound pressure squared to a standard reference sound-pressure level (20 micropascals) squared.  
14

15 **decommissioning** – Final actions taken to reduce the potential health and safety impacts of U.S.  
16 Department of Energy (DOE)-contaminated facilities, including activities to stabilize, reduce, or remove  
17 radioactive and hazardous materials, or to demolish the facilities.  
18

19 **decontamination** – The removal, reduction, or neutralization of radionuclides and/or hazardous materials  
20 from contaminated facilities, equipment, or soils by washing, heating, chemical or electrochemical action,  
21 mechanical cleaning, or other techniques.  
22

23 **deterministic analysis** – A single calculation using only a single value for each of the model parameters.  
24 A deterministic system is governed by definite rules of system behavior leading to cause and effect  
25 relationships and predictability. Deterministic calculations do not account for uncertainty in the physical  
26 relationships or parameter values. See stochastic analysis.  
27

28 **disposal** – As generally used in this document, placement of waste with no intent to retrieve. Statutory or  
29 regulatory definitions of disposal may differ.  
30

31 **dose** – The accumulated radiation or hazardous substance delivered to the whole body, or a specified  
32 tissue or organ, within a specified time interval, originating from an external or internal source.

33 **effluent** – Airborne and liquid wastes discharged from a DOE site or facility. This term does not include  
34 solid wastes, wastes for shipment offsite, wastes that are contained (for example, underground nuclear test  
35 debris) or stored (for example, in tanks) or wastes that are to remain onsite through treatment or disposal.  
36

37 **endangered species (Federal)** – Plants or animals that are in danger of extinction throughout all or a  
38 significant portion of their ranges and have been listed as endangered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife  
39 Service or the National Marine Fisheries Service, following the procedures set out in the Endangered  
40 Species Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 424<sup>b</sup>).

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(a) WAC 173-303. “Dangerous Waste Regulations.” Washington Administrative Code, Olympia, Washington.  
Online at: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/wac/index.cfm?fuseaction=Section&Section=173-303-040>.

(b) 50 CFR 424. “Listing Endangered and Threatened Species and Designating Critical Habitat.” U.S. Code of  
Federal Regulations. Online at: [http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx\\_01/50cfr424\\_01.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_01/50cfr424_01.html).

1 **endangered species (State)** – Washington State defines endangered species as any wildlife species native  
2 to the state of Washington that is seriously threatened with extinction throughout all or a significant  
3 portion of its range within the state (WAC 232-12-297<sup>a</sup>). See also candidate species and threatened  
4 species.

5  
6 **eolian** – Pertaining to, caused by, or carried by the wind.

7  
8 **ERPG-1** – The maximum concentration in air below which it is believed nearly all individuals could be  
9 exposed for up to one hour without experiencing other than mild transient adverse health effects or  
10 perceiving a clearly defined objectionable odor.

11  
12 **ERPG-2** – The maximum concentration in air below which it is believed nearly all individuals could be  
13 exposed for up to one hour without experiencing or developing irreversible or other serious health effects  
14 or symptoms that could impair their abilities to take protective action.

15  
16 **ERPG-3** – The maximum concentration in air below which it is believed nearly all individuals could be  
17 exposed for up to one hour without experiencing or developing life-threatening health effects.

18  
19 **Evolutionarily Significant Unit (ESU)** – A distinctive group of Pacific salmon, steelhead, or sea-run  
20 cutthroat trout.

21  
22 **Federal species of concern** – Species whose conservation standing is of concern to the U.S. Fish and  
23 Wildlife Service but for which status information still is needed.

24  
25 **fluvial** – Produced by the action of flowing water.

26  
27 **french drain** – A rock-filled encasement with an open bottom to allow seepage of liquid waste into the  
28 ground.

29 **generator** – Within the context of this document, generators refer to organizations within DOE or  
30 managed by DOE whose act or process produces low-level waste, mixed low-level waste, or transuranic  
31 waste.

32  
33 **graded approach** – A process by which the level of analysis, documentation, and actions necessary to  
34 comply with a requirement are commensurate with 1) the relative importance to safety, safeguards, and  
35 security; 2) the magnitude of any hazard involved; 3) the life cycle stage of a facility; 4) the programmatic  
36 mission of a facility; 5) the particular characteristics of a facility; and 6) any other relevant factor.

37  
38 **greater than Category 3 (GTC3) low-level waste** – Low-level radioactive waste that exceeds the  
39 maximum radionuclide concentrations as defined for Category 3 low-level waste. See also Category 3  
40 waste.

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(a) WAC 232-12-297. “Endangered, threatened, and sensitive wildlife species classification.” Washington  
Administrative Code, Olympia, Washington. Online at:  
<http://www.leg.wa.gov/wac/index.cfm?fuseaction=Section&Section=232-12-297>.

1 **Hanford Federal Facility Agreement And Consent Order** – See Tri-Party Agreement.

2  
3 **hazardous waste** – Waste that contains chemically hazardous constituents regulated under Subtitle C of  
4 the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended (40 CFR 261<sup>a</sup>) and regulated as a  
5 hazardous waste and/or mixed waste by the EPA. May also include solid waste designated by  
6 Washington State in WAC 173-303-070<sup>(b)</sup> through WAC 173-303-100 as dangerous or extremely  
7 hazardous waste, or mixed waste. See also mixed low-level waste.

8  
9 **high-integrity container (HIC)** – A container that provides additional confinement for high-activity low-  
10 level waste, typically constructed of concrete or other durable material.

11  
12 **high-level (radioactive) waste (HLW)** – High-level waste is the highly radioactive waste material  
13 resulting from the processing of spent nuclear fuel, including liquid waste produced directly in processing  
14 and any solid material derived from such liquid waste that contains fission products in sufficient  
15 concentrations, and other highly radioactive material that is determined, consistent with existing law, to  
16 require isolation.

17  
18 **immobilization** – Placing the waste within a material such as concrete or a glass to immobilize (reduce  
19 dispensability and leachability of) the radioactive or hazardous components within the waste. See also  
20 stabilization.

21  
22 **immobilized low-activity waste** – A specific mixed waste stream resulting from the immobilization of  
23 low-activity waste (LAW) generated during the planned treatment and immobilization of Hanford tank  
24 wastes in the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant (WTP) or in other supplemental treatment  
25 processing of tank wastes. Most of the non-radioactive materials in the tank waste will be separated into  
26 the LAW stream, while most of the radioactive materials will be separated into a much smaller amount of  
27 high-level waste (HLW).

28  
29 **lacustrine** – Of or pertaining to lakes.

30  
31 **land-use designations:**

32  
33 **Industrial-Exclusive** – An area suitable and desirable for treatment, storage, and disposal of  
34 hazardous, dangerous, radioactive, non-radioactive wastes, and related activities.

35  
36 **Conservation (Mining)** – An area reserved for the management and protection of archeological,  
37 cultural, ecological, and natural resources. Limited and managed mining (for example, quarrying for  
38 sand, gravel, basalt, and topsoil for governmental purposes only) could occur as a special use (i.e., a  
39 permit would be required) within appropriate areas. Limited public access would be consistent with  
40 resource conservation. This designation includes related activities.

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(a) 40 CFR 261. “Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste.” U.S. Code of Federal Regulations. Online at:  
[http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx\\_01/40cfr261\\_01.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_01/40cfr261_01.html).

(b) WAC 173-303. *Dangerous Waste Regulations*. Washington Administrative Code, Olympia, Washington.  
Online at: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/wac/index.cfm?fuseaction=chapterdigest&chapter=173-303>.

1  
2 **latent cancer fatality (LCF)** – A cancer death postulated to result from, and occurring some time after,  
3 exposure to ionizing radiation or other carcinogens.  
4

5 **As applied to populations**, the postulated number of fatal cancers in a given population due to the  
6 calculated or measured collective dose to that population as a result of a given action or activity.  
7

8 **As applied to individuals**, the probability of a fatal cancer in a given individual due to the calculated or  
9 measured dose received by that individual as a result of a given action or activity.  
10

11 **leachate** – As applied to mixed low-level waste trenches, any liquid, including any suspended  
12 components in the liquid, that has percolated through or drained from hazardous waste.  
13

14 **lost workday cases (LWCs)** – Represent the number of cases recorded resulting in days away from work  
15 or days of restricted work activity, or both, for affected employees.  
16

17 **lost workdays (LWDs)** – The total number of workdays (consecutive or not), after the day of injury or  
18 onset of illness, during which employees were away from work or limited to restricted work activity  
19 because of an occupational injury or illness.  
20

21 **low-activity waste** – The waste that remains after separating from high-level waste as much of the  
22 radioactivity as practicable and that when solidified may be disposed of as low-level waste in a near  
23 surface facility according to DOE requirements.  
24

25 **low-income person** – A person living in a household that reports an annual income less than the United  
26 States official poverty level, as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau.  
27

28 **low-level (radioactive) waste (LLW)** – Radioactive waste, including accelerator-produced waste, that is  
29 not high-level waste, spent nuclear fuel, transuranic waste, byproduct material (as defined in section  
30 11e[2] of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended), or naturally occurring radioactive material.  
31

32 **macroencapsulation** – Treatment method applicable to debris wastes as defined by RCRA. Refers to  
33 application of surface coating materials, such as polymeric organics (for example, resins and plastics) or  
34 of a jacket of inert material to reduce surface exposure to potential leaching media.  
35

36 **maximally exposed individual (MEI)** – The maximally exposed individual is a hypothetical person who  
37 has a lifestyle, and is in a location, such that that any other individual would be unlikely to receive a  
38 higher exposure to radiation or hazardous materials. The MEI may be an individual who resides or works  
39 near the Hanford Site, or who is temporarily at a publicly accessible location where the maximum dose  
40 from a short-term event would occur.  
41

42 **Microbiotic (cryptogamic) crusts** – generally occur in the top 1 to 4 mm of soil and are formed by living  
43 organisms and their by-products, creating a crust of soil particles bound together by organic materials.  
44

1 **microencapsulation** – The encapsulation of waste components in the atomic structure of compounds or  
2 materials such as glass, cement, or polymer waste forms.

3  
4 **minority** – Individual(s) who are members of the following population groups: American Indian or  
5 Alaskan Native; Asian or Pacific Islander; Black, not of Hispanic origin; or Hispanic.

6  
7 **mixed low-level waste (MLLW)** – Low-level waste determined to contain both source, special nuclear,  
8 or byproduct material subject to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and a hazardous component  
9 subject to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended, or state dangerous waste  
10 regulations. See also hazardous waste, dangerous waste.

11  
12 **modular facility** – As used in this HSW EIS, a modular disposal facility would consist of a number of  
13 expandable segments or areas within an overall master facility. Each module would be designed to  
14 handle certain waste types or forms. For example remote handled wastes might be in a different area or  
15 “module” than standard packages of contact handled low-level waste or mixed low-level waste.

16  
17 **neutralization** – Changing the pH of a solution to near 7 by adding an acidic or basic material.

18  
19 **no action alternative** – In this EIS, the no action alternative consists of continuing ongoing activities, but  
20 does not include development of new capabilities to manage wastes that cannot currently be disposed of.

21  
22 **noise** – Sound waves that are unwanted and perceived as a nuisance by humans.

23  
24 **non-standard (packaging)** – Non-standard waste packages refer to specially designed waste containers  
25 or packages used for large, or odd shaped low-level waste, mixed low-level waste or transuranic waste  
26 items or items with high dose rates or other unique conditions. See also standard (packaging).

27  
28 **normal operations** – As used in this HSW EIS, normal operations refers to routine waste management  
29 activities, for example, waste treatment activities (including processing), packaging and repackaging,  
30 storage, and final disposal of waste.

31  
32 **order of magnitude** – An order of magnitude is an exponential change of plus-or-minus 1 in the value of  
33 a quantity or unit. The term is generally used in conjunction with power-of-10 scientific notation.

34  
35 **operational waste** – Solid wastes that are generated in support of cleanup activities, including such items  
36 as contaminated personnel protective clothing, disposable laboratory supplies, and failed tools and  
37 equipment.

38  
39 **physical extraction** – Separation or removal of materials or components based on size or material  
40 characteristic.

41  
42 **PM<sub>10</sub>** – Particulates with an aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to a nominal diameter of  
43 10 micrometers.

1 **PM<sub>2.5</sub>** – Particulates with an aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to a nominal diameter of  
2 2.5 micrometers.

3  
4 **pore water** – The amount of water effectively trapped or retained by a volume of soil.

5  
6 **processing** – As used in this HSW EIS, refers to any activity necessary to prepare waste for disposal.  
7 Processing waste may consist of repackaging, removal, or stabilization of non-conforming waste, or  
8 treatment of physically or chemically hazardous constituents in compliance with state or federal  
9 regulations.

10  
11 **radioactive waste** – In general, waste that is managed for its radioactive content. Waste material that  
12 contains source, special nuclear, or by-product material is subject to regulation as radioactive waste under  
13 the Atomic Energy Act. Also, waste material that contains accelerator-produced radioactive material or a  
14 high concentration of naturally occurring radioactive material may be considered radioactive waste.

15  
16 **release** – Any spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying, discharging, injecting, escaping,  
17 leaching, dumping, or disposing into the environment. Statutory or regulatory definitions of release may  
18 differ.

19  
20 **remedial action** – Activities conducted to reduce potential risks to people and/or harm to the  
21 environment from radioactive and/or hazardous substance contamination. (See also cleanup.)

22  
23 **remote-handled (RH) waste** – Packaged radioactive waste for which the external dose rate exceeds that  
24 defined for contact-handled waste (generally 200 mrem/hr at the container surface). These wastes require  
25 handling using remotely controlled equipment, or placement in shielded containers, to reduce the  
26 potential for human exposures during routine waste management activities. See also contact-handled  
27 waste.

28  
29 **retrievably stored waste** – Waste stored in a configuration that is intended to permit retrieval at a future  
30 time.

31  
32 **review 1 species** – A plant taxon of potential concern that is in need of additional field work before a  
33 status can be assigned.

34  
35 **shrub-steppe** – Plant community consisting of short-statured, widely spaced, small-leaved shrubs,  
36 sometimes aromatic, with brittle stems and an understory dominated by perennial bunchgrasses.

37  
38 **sensitive species** – A taxon that is vulnerable or declining and could become endangered or threatened in  
39 Washington without active management or removal of threats. The federal listings classify species as  
40 listed (endangered/threatened), candidate, or proposed.

1 **seep** – 1) On the Columbia River, seepage occurs below the river surface and exposed riverbank,  
2 particularly noticeable at low-river stage. The seeps flow intermittently, apparently influenced primarily  
3 by changes in the river level. 2) "Seeps" also corresponds to releases of radionuclides and chemicals to  
4 the unsaturated soil beneath the LLBGs that may occur as the waste packages degrade and water (from  
5 rain and snow melt) "seeps" through the waste.

6  
7 **site** – A geographic entity comprising leased or owned land, buildings, and other structures required to  
8 perform program activities.

9  
10 **species of concern** – Plants identified by the Washington Natural Heritage Program as sensitive  
11 (vulnerable or declining and could become endangered or threatened), Review 1 (more field work  
12 needed), or Review 2 (unresolved taxonomic problems). See also endangered species and threatened  
13 species. The federal listings classify species as listed (endangered/threatened), candidate, or proposed.

14  
15 **stabilization** – Mixing an agent such as Portland cement with the waste to increase the mechanical  
16 strength of the resulting waste form and decrease its leachability.

17  
18 **standard (packaging)** – Standard waste packages refer to the common forms of waste packages (such as  
19 drums and boxes) used for low-level waste and mixed low-level waste. See also non-standard  
20 (packaging).

21  
22 **stochastic analysis** – Set of calculations performed using values randomly selected from a range of  
23 reasonable values for one or more parameters; in contrast, see deterministic analysis. In the HSW EIS,  
24 the median value was reported.

25  
26 **stochastic variability** – Natural variation of a measured quantity; for example, in a room full of people,  
27 there is an average height with some being taller and some shorter; the stochastic variability of that group  
28 is described by the differences between the individuals' heights and the average.

29  
30 **storage** – The holding of waste for a temporary period, at the end of which the waste is treated, disposed  
31 of, or stored elsewhere.

32  
33 **taxa** – Plural of taxon.

34  
35 **taxon** – A group of organisms sharing common characteristics in varying degrees of distinction that  
36 constitute one of the categories of taxonomic classification, such as a phylum, class, order, family, genus,  
37 or species.

38  
39 **TEEL-1** – The maximum concentration in air below which it is believed nearly all individuals could be  
40 exposed without experiencing other than mild transient adverse health effects or perceiving a clearly  
41 defined objectionable odor.

42  
43 **TEEL-2** – The maximum concentration in air below which it is believed nearly all individuals could be  
44 exposed without experiencing or developing irreversible or other serious health effects or symptoms that  
45 could impair their abilities to take protective action.

1 **TEEL-3** – The maximum concentration in air below which it is believed nearly all individuals could be  
2 exposed without experiencing or developing life-threatening health effects.

3  
4 **threatened species** – Any plants or animals that are likely to become endangered species within the  
5 foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of their ranges, and which have been listed as  
6 threatened by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or the National Marine Fisheries Service following the  
7 procedures set out in the Endangered Species Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 424<sup>(a)</sup>).  
8 Washington State defines threatened species as any wildlife species native to the state of Washington that  
9 is likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout a significant portion of  
10 its range within the state (WAC 232-12-297<sup>(b)</sup>). See also candidate species and endangered species.

11  
12 **teleost fish** – Of or belonging to the Teleostei or Teleostomi, a large group of fishes with bony skeletons,  
13 including most common fishes. The teleosts are distinct from the cartilaginous fishes such as sharks,  
14 rays, and skates.

15  
16 **total recordable cases (TRCs)** – Work-related deaths, illnesses, or injuries resulting in loss of  
17 consciousness, restriction of work or motion, transfer to another job, or required medical treatment  
18 beyond first aid.

19  
20 **Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) waste** – Any waste, including polychlorinated biphenyl  
21 commingled waste, regulated under the TSCA requirements codified in 40 CFR 761.<sup>(c)</sup>

22  
23 **toxicological impact** – Impact on human health, due to exposure to, or intake of, chemical materials.  
24 These impacts are typically described in terms of damage to affected organs.

25  
26 **transuranic isotope** – Any element having an atomic number greater than 92 (the atomic number of  
27 uranium).

28  
29 **transuranic (TRU) waste** – Transuranic waste is radioactive waste containing more than 100 nanocuries  
30 (3700 becquerels) of alpha-emitting transuranic isotopes per gram of waste, with half-lives greater than  
31 20 years, except for the following:  
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(a) 50 CFR 424. “Listing Endangered and Threatened Species and Designating Critical Habitat.” U.S. Code of Federal Regulations. Online at: [http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx\\_01/50cfr424\\_01.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_01/50cfr424_01.html).

(b) WAC 232-12-297. “Endangered, threatened, and sensitive wildlife species classification.” Washington Administrative Code, Olympia, Washington. Online at:  
<http://www.leg.wa.gov/wac/index.cfm?fuseaction=Section&Section=232-12-297>.

(c) 40 CFR 761. “Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) Manufacturing, Processing, Distribution In Commerce, and Use Prohibitions.” U.S. Code of Federal Regulations. Online at:  
[http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx\\_01/40cfr761\\_01.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_01/40cfr761_01.html).

- high-level radioactive waste
  - waste that the Secretary of Energy has determined, with the concurrence of the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, does not need the degree of isolation required by the 40 CFR Part 191 disposal regulations
- waste that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has approved for disposal on a case-by-case basis in accordance with 10 CFR 61.<sup>(a)</sup>

**Tri-Party Agreement (TPA)** – Informal title for the “Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order,” an agreement between the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Washington State Department of Ecology. The agreement establishes milestones to bring operating DOE facilities into compliance with the RCRA, and to coordinate cleanup of Hanford’s inactive disposal sites under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA).

**treatment** – The physical, chemical, or biological processing of dangerous waste to make such waste non-dangerous or less dangerous, safer for transport, amenable for energy or material resource recovery, amenable for storage, or reduced in volume, with the exception of compacting, repackaging, and sorting as allowed under WAC 173-303-400<sup>(b)</sup> and 173-303-600.<sup>(b)</sup>

**trench grouting** – In-trench grouting involves placing the waste on a cement pad or on spacers, installing reinforcement steel and forms around the waste, and covering the waste with fresh concrete to encapsulate the waste within a concrete barrier.

**vadose zone** – The soil layer between the ground surface and the top of the saturated zone.

**waste characterization** – The identification of waste composition and properties, whether by review of process knowledge, or by non-destructive examination, non-destructive assay, or sampling and analysis, to determine appropriate storage, treatment, handling, transportation, and disposal requirements.

**waste certification** – A process by which a waste generator certifies that a given waste or waste stream meets the waste acceptance criteria of the facility to which the generator intends to transfer waste for treatment, storage, or disposal.

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(a) 10 CFR 61. “Licensing Requirements for Land Disposal of Radioactive Waste.” U.S. Code of Federal Regulations. Online at: [http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx\\_02/10cfr61\\_02.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_02/10cfr61_02.html).

(b) WAC 173-303. “Dangerous Waste Regulations.” Washington Administrative Code. Olympia, Washington. Online at: <http://www.mrsc.org/mc/wac/WAC%20173%20%20TITLE/WAC%20173%20-303%20%20CHAPTER/WAC%20173%20-303%20-400.htm>.

1 **waste container** – Any portable device in which a material is stored, transported, treated, disposed, or  
2 otherwise handled (WAC 173-303-040<sup>(a)</sup>). A waste container may include any liner or shielding material  
3 that is intended to accompany the waste in disposal. At Hanford, waste containers typically consist of  
4 55-gal (208-L) or 85-gal (320-L) drums and standard waste boxes. Other sizes and styles of containers  
5 may also be employed depending on the physical, radiological, and chemical characteristics of the waste.  
6

7 **waste disposal** – See disposal.  
8

9 **waste life cycle** – The life of a waste from generation through storage, treatment, transportation, and  
10 disposal.  
11

12 **waste stream** – A waste or group of wastes from a process or a facility with similar physical, chemical,  
13 or radiological properties. In the context of this document, a waste stream is defined as a collection of  
14 wastes with physical and chemical characteristics that will generally require the same management  
15 approach (that is, use of the same storage, treatment, and disposal capabilities).  
16

17 **waste type** – In the context of this document, three waste types managed by the solid waste program are  
18 defined: low-level waste, mixed low-level waste, transuranic waste, and waste treatment plant waste  
19 (ILAW and melters).  
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21 **Watch List species** – A category of plant species of concern as identified by the Washington Natural  
22 Heritage Program. Watch List species consist of those plant taxa of concern that are more abundant  
23 and/or less threatened than previously assumed.  
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(a) WAC 173-303040. “Dangerous Waste Regulations.” Washington Administrative Code, Olympia, Washington.  
Online at: <http://www.mrsc.org/mc/wac/WAC%20173%20%20TITLE/WAC%20173%20-303%20%20CHAPTER/WAC%20173%20-303%20-400.htm>.

# Glossary of Terms Related to Radioactivity, Radiation Dose, and Exposure

**absorbed dose** – The energy absorbed by matter from ionizing radiation per unit mass of irradiated material at the place of interest in that material. The absorbed dose is expressed in units of rad (or gray) (1 rad = 0.01 gray).

**becquerel (Bq)** – A unit of radioactivity equal to 1 disintegration per second. See also curie.

**collective dose** – The sum of the total effective dose equivalent values for all individuals in a specified population. Collective dose is expressed in units of person-rem (or person-sievert).

**committed dose equivalent** – The dose equivalent calculated to be received by a tissue or organ over a 50-year period after the intake of a radionuclide into the body. It does not include contributions from radiation sources external to the body. Committed dose equivalent is expressed in units of rem (or sievert).

**committed effective dose equivalent** – The sum of the committed dose equivalents to various tissues in the body, each multiplied by the appropriate weighting factor. Committed effective dose equivalent is expressed in units of rem (or sievert).

**curie (Ci)** – A unit of radioactivity equal to 37 billion disintegrations per second (i.e., 37 billion becquerels); also a quantity of any radionuclide or mixture of radionuclides having 1 curie of radioactivity. See also becquerel.

**dose (radiological)** – A generic term meaning absorbed dose, dose equivalent, effective dose equivalent, committed dose equivalent, or total effective dose equivalent, as defined elsewhere in this glossary.

**dose equivalent** – The product of absorbed dose in rad (or gray) in tissue, a quality factor, and other modifying factors. Dose equivalent is expressed in units of rem (or sievert).

**effective dose equivalent** – The summation of the products of the dose equivalent received by specified tissues of the body and the appropriate weighting factor. It includes the dose from radiation sources internal and external to the body. The effective dose equivalent is expressed in units of rem (or sievert).

**external dose or exposure** – That portion of the dose equivalent received from radiation sources outside the body (i.e., “external sources”).

**half-life (radiological)** – The time in which one-half of the atoms of a specific radionuclide decay into another nuclear form or energy state. Half-lives for different radionuclides range from fractions of a second to billions of years.

**gray** – The SI (International System of Units) unit of absorbed dose. One gray (Gy) is equal to an absorbed dose of 1 joule/kg (1 Gy = 100 rads). (The joule in the SI unit of energy, abbreviated as J.) (See also rad.)

**internal dose or exposure** – That portion of the dose equivalent received from radioactive material taken into the body (i.e., “internal sources”).

**millirem (mrem)** – A subunit of a rem. One mrem equals 1/1000<sup>th</sup> (0.001) of a rem. See also sievert.

**person-rem** – Unit of collective total effective dose equivalent.

**quality factor** – The principal modifying factor used to calculate the dose equivalent from the absorbed dose; the absorbed dose (expressed in rad or gray) is multiplied by the appropriate quality factor. The quality factors to be used for determining dose equivalent in rem are shown in the following table:

Quality Factors <sup>(a)</sup>	
Radiation type	Quality factor
X-rays, gamma rays, positrons, electrons (including tritium beta particles).....	1
Neutrons, < 10 keV.....	3
Neutrons, > 10 keV.....	10
Protons and singly-charged particles of unknown energy with rest mass greater than one atomic mass unit.....	10
Alpha particles and multiple-charged particles (and particles of unknown charge) of unknown energy.....	20
When spectral data are insufficient to identify the energy of the neutrons, a quality factor of 10 shall be used.	

(ii) When spectral data are sufficient to identify the energy of the neutrons, the following mean quality factor values may be used:

Quality Factors for Neutrons  
 [Mean quality factors, Q (maximum value in a 30-cm dosimetry phantom), and values of neutron flux density that deliver in 40 hours, a maximum dose equivalent of 100 mrem (0.001 sievert).]

Neutron energy (MeV)	Mean quality factor	Neutron flux density (cm <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )
2.5 x 10 <sup>-8</sup> thermal.....	2	680
1 x 10 <sup>-7</sup> .....	2	680
1 x 10 <sup>-6</sup> .....	2	560
1 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> .....	2	560
1 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> .....	2	580
1 x 10 <sup>-3</sup> .....	2	680
1 x 10 <sup>-2</sup> .....	2.5	700
1 x 10 <sup>-1</sup> .....	7.5	115
5 x 10 <sup>-1</sup> .....	11	27
1.....	11	19
2.5.....	9	20
5.....	8	16
7.....	7	17
10.....	6.5	17
14.....	7.5	12
20.....	8	11
40.....	7	10
60.....	5.5	11
1 x 10 <sup>2</sup> .....	4	14
2 x 10 <sup>2</sup> .....	3.5	13
3 x 10 <sup>2</sup> .....	3.5	11
4 x 10 <sup>2</sup> .....	3.5	10

(a) Source: 10 CFR 835.

**rad** – A unit of radiation absorbed dose (such as, in body tissue). One rad is equal to an absorbed dose of 0.01 joule/kg (1 rad = 0.01 gray). See also gray.

**radiation** – Ionizing radiation such as alpha particles, beta particles, gamma rays, X-rays, neutrons, high-speed electrons, high-speed protons, and other particles capable of producing ions.

**radioactive decay** – The decrease in the amount of any radioactive material with the passage of time, due to spontaneous nuclear disintegration (i.e., emission from atomic nuclei of charged particles, photons, or both).

**radioactivity** – The property or characteristic of radioactive material to spontaneously “disintegrate” or “decay” with the emission of energy in the form of radiation. The unit of radioactivity is the curie (or becquerel).

**rem** – The special unit of radiation effective dose equivalent (1 rem = 0.01 Sievert). See also sievert.

**roentgen (R)** – The special unit of X- or gamma- radiation exposure. One roentgen equals 2.58 x 10<sup>-4</sup> coulombs per kilogram of air.

**sievert (Sv)** – The SI (International System of Units) unit of radiation effective dose equivalent (1 Sv = 100 rem). See also **rem**.

**total effective dose equivalent (TEDE)** – The sum of the effective dose equivalent (for external exposures) and the committed effective dose equivalent (for internal exposures). Total effective dose equivalent is expressed in units of rem (or sievert).

**weighting factor** – The fraction of the overall health risk, resulting from uniform, whole body irradiation, attributable to a specific tissue. The dose equivalent to each tissue is multiplied by the appropriate weighting factor to obtain the effective dose equivalent contribution from that tissue. The weighting factors are as follows:

Weighting Factors For Various Tissues<sup>(a)</sup>

Organs or tissues	Weighting factor
Gonads.....	0.25
Breasts.....	0.15
Red bone marrow.....	0.12
Lungs.....	0.12
Thyroid.....	0.03
Bone surfaces.....	0.03
Remainder <sup>(b)</sup> .....	0.30
Whole body <sup>(c)</sup> .....	1.00

(a) Source: 10 CFR 835.

(b) "Remainder" means the five other organs or tissues with the highest dose (for example, liver, kidney, spleen, thymus, adrenal, pancreas, stomach, small intestine, and upper large intestine). The weighting factor for each remaining organ or tissue is 0.06.

(c) For the case of uniform external irradiation of the whole body, a weighting factor equal to 1 may be used in determination of the effective dose equivalent.

# Units of Measure

The principal units of measurement used in this Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) are SI units, an abbreviation for the International System of units, a metric system accepted by the International Organization of Standardization as the legal standard at a meeting in Elsinore, Denmark, in 1966. In this system, most units are made up of combinations of six basic units, of which length in meters, mass in kilograms, and time in seconds are of most importance in the EIS. The exception is radiological units that use the English system (e.g., rem, millirem).

## Numerical (Scientific or Exponential) Notation

Numbers that are very small or very large are often expressed in scientific or exponential notation as a matter of convenience. For example, the number 0.000034 may be expressed as  $3.4 \times 10^{-5}$  or 3.4E-05 and 65,000 may be expressed as  $6.5 \times 10^4$  or 6.5E+04. In the EIS, numerical values less than 0.001 or greater than 9999 are generally expressed in exponential notation, or 1.0E-03 and 9.9E+03, respectively.

Multiples or sub-multiples of the basic units are also used. A partial list of prefixes that denote multiples and sub-multiples follows, with the equivalent multiplier values expressed in scientific and exponential notation:

Name	Symbol	Value Multiplied by:		
atto	a	0.000000000000000001	or $1 \times 10^{-18}$	or 1E-18
femto	f	0.0000000000000001	or $1 \times 10^{-15}$	or 1E-15
pico	p	0.0000000000001	or $1 \times 10^{-12}$	or 1E-12
nano	n	0.000000001	or $1 \times 10^{-9}$	or 1E-09
micro	$\mu$	0.000001	or $1 \times 10^{-6}$	or 1E-06
milli	m	0.001	or $1 \times 10^{-3}$	or 1E-03
centi	c	0.01	or $1 \times 10^{-2}$	or 1E-02
kilo	k	1,000	or $1 \times 10^3$	or 1E+03
mega	M	1,000,000	or $1 \times 10^6$	or 1E+06
giga	G	1,000,000,000	or $1 \times 10^9$	or 1E+09
tera	T	1,000,000,000,000	or $1 \times 10^{12}$	or 1E+12

The following symbols are occasionally used in conjunction with numerical expressions:

< less than

$\leq$  less than or equal to

> greater than

$\geq$  greater than or equal to

## Basic Units and Conversion Table

Unit of Measure	English Unit	Symbol	Metric Unit	Symbol
Length	inches	in	centimeters	cm
	feet	ft	meters	m
	yards	yd	kilometers	km
	miles	mi		
Area	square feet	ft <sup>2</sup>	square meters	m <sup>2</sup>
	acres	ac	hectares	ha
	square miles	mi <sup>2</sup>	square kilometers	km <sup>2</sup>
Volume (dry)	cubic feet	ft <sup>3</sup>	cubic meters	m <sup>3</sup>
	cubic yards	yd <sup>3</sup>		
Volume (liquid)	gallons	gal	liters	L
Mass	ounces	oz	grams	g
	pounds	lb	kilograms	kg
Concentration	parts per million	ppm	grams per liter	g/L
Radioactivity	curies	Ci	becquerels	Bq
Radiation Absorbed Dose	rad	rad	Gray	Gy
Radiation Effective Dose Equivalent	rem	rem	Sievert	Sv
Temperature	degrees Fahrenheit	°F	degrees Centigrade	°C

Base Unit	Multiply By	To Obtain	Base Unit	Multiply By	To Obtain
in	2.54	cm	cm	0.394	in
ft	0.305	m	m	3.28	ft
yd	0.914	m	m	1.09	yd
mi	1.61	km	km	0.621	mi
ft <sup>2</sup>	0.093	m <sup>2</sup>	m <sup>2</sup>	10.76	ft <sup>2</sup>
ac	0.405	ha	ha	2.47	ac
mi <sup>2</sup>	2.59	km <sup>2</sup>	km <sup>2</sup>	0.386	mi <sup>2</sup>
ft <sup>3</sup>	0.028	m <sup>3</sup>	m <sup>3</sup>	35.3	ft <sup>3</sup>
yd <sup>3</sup>	0.765	m <sup>3</sup>	m <sup>3</sup>	1.31	yd <sup>3</sup>
gal	3.77	L	L	0.265	gal
oz	28.349	g	g	0.035	oz
lb	0.454	kg	kg	2.205	lb
ppm	0.001	g/L	g/L	1000	ppm
Ci	3.7 x 10 <sup>10</sup>	Bq	Bq	2.7 x 10 <sup>-11</sup>	Ci
rad	0.01	Gy	Gy	100	rad
rem	0.01	Sv	Sv	100	rem
°F	(°F - 32) x 5/9	°C	°C	(°C x 9/5) + 32	°F

# Radionuclide Nomenclature<sup>(a,b)</sup>

Symbol	Radionuclide	Half-Life	Symbol	Radionuclide	Half-Life
Ac-227*	actinium-227	22 yr	Pu-240	plutonium-240	6537 yr
Ag-110m	silver-110m	250 d	Pu-241	plutonium-241	14 yr
Am-241	americium-241	432 yr	Pu-242	plutonium-242	3.7 x 10 <sup>5</sup> yr
Ba-137m	barium-137m	2.6 min	Pu-244	plutonium-244	8.1 x 10 <sup>7</sup> yr
Be-7*	beryllium-7	53 d	Ra-224*	radium-224	3.7 d
Bi-212*	bismuth-212	61 min	Ra-226*	radium-226	1600 yr
Bi-214*	bismuth-214	20 min	Ra-228*	radium-228	5.8 yr
C-14*	carbon-14	5730 yr	Rb-87*	rubidium-87	4.8 x 10 <sup>10</sup> yr
Cd-113m*	cadmium-113m	15 yr	Rh-106	rhodium-106	30 sec
Ce-144	cerium-144	285 d	Ru-106	ruthenium-106	374 d
Cl-36	chlorine-36	3.0 x 10 <sup>5</sup> yr	Sb-125	antimony-125	2.8 yr
Cm-244	curium-244	18 yr	Sb-126m	antimony-126m	11 sec
Co-60	cobalt-60	5.3 yr	Se-75	selenium-75	120 d
Cs-137	cesium-137	30 yr	Se-79	selenium-79	6.5 x 10 <sup>5</sup> yr
Eu-152	europium-152	14 yr	Sm-147*	samarium-147	1.1 x 10 <sup>11</sup> yr
Eu-154	europium-154	8.6 yr	Sm-151	samarium-151	90 yr
Eu-155	europium-155	4.8 yr	Sn-126	tin-126	1.0 x 10 <sup>5</sup> yr
Fe-55	iron-55	2.7 yr	Sr-90	strontium-90	29 yr
H-3*	tritium	12 yr	Tc-99	technetium-99	2.1 x 10 <sup>5</sup> yr
I-125	iodine-125	59 d	Th-228*	thorium-228	1.9 yr
I-129	iodine-129	1.6 x 10 <sup>7</sup> yr	Th-229	thorium-229	7880 yr
K-40*	potassium-40	1.3 x 10 <sup>9</sup> yr	Th-230*	thorium-230	7.5 x 10 <sup>4</sup> yr
Mn-54	manganese-54	312 d	Th-232*	thorium-232	1.4 x 10 <sup>10</sup> yr
Mo-93	molybdenum-93	4000 yr	Th-234*	thorium-234	24 d
Nb-94	niobium-94	2.0 x 10 <sup>4</sup> yr	U-232	uranium-232	69 yr
Ni-59	nickel-59	7.6 x 10 <sup>4</sup> yr	U-233	uranium-233	1.6 x 10 <sup>5</sup> yr
Ni-63	nickel-63	100 yr	U-234*	uranium-234	2.5 x 10 <sup>5</sup> yr
Np-237	neptunium-237	2.1 x 10 <sup>6</sup> yr	U-235*	uranium-235	7.0 x 10 <sup>8</sup> yr
Pa-231*	protactinium-231	3.3 x 10 <sup>4</sup> yr	U-236	uranium-236	2.3 x 10 <sup>7</sup> yr
Pb-210*	lead-210	22 yr	U-238*	uranium-238	4.5 x 10 <sup>9</sup> yr
Pb-212*	lead-212	11 hr	W-185	tungsten-185	75 d
Pd-107	palladium-107	6.5 x 10 <sup>6</sup> yr	Y-90	yttrium-90	2.7 d
Pr-144	praseodymium-144	17 m	Zn-65	zinc-65	244 d
Pu-238	plutonium-238	88 yr	Zr-93	zirconium-93	1.5 x 10 <sup>6</sup> yr
Pu-239	plutonium-239	2.4 x 10 <sup>4</sup> yr	Zr-95	zirconium-95	64 d

(a) From *CRC Handbook of Chemistry and Physics*. 74th edition. ed. David R. Lide, CRC Press, Boca Raton, Florida 1993.

(b) Listing includes radionuclides evaluated in this document. Metastable isomers are indicated by the addition of an *m*. Short-lived decay products are not shown.

\* Indicates naturally occurring radionuclides.

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